

1. A hull and gunnel protector for use with a motor comprising:

5 (a) a U-shaped cover having a L-shaped member having a planar base and a planar side perpendicularly coupled, integrally, to one side of said planar base and a hinged planar member hingedly coupled perpendicularly to the other side of said planar base;

10 (b) a first pad affixed to an interior side of said planar side along a bottom portion thereof;

(c) a second pad affixed to an interior side of said hinged planar member along a bottom portion thereof; and,

15 (d) a internal gunnel cavity between an upper portion of the planar side and the hinged planar member and the planar base for receipt of a hull's gunnel.

2. The protector of CLAIM 1, wherein:

20 the first pad has a first thickness approximately one-half of a width of said planar base; and,

the second pad has a second thickness less than

the first thickness.

3. The protector of CLAIM 1, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness proportional to a width of said planar base; and,

5 the second pad has a second thickness proportional to the width of said planar base wherein the first thickness and the second thickness together are less than said width to create a cushioned gap between said first pad and said second pad.

10 4. The protector of CLAIM 3, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise rubber.

5. The protector of CLAIM 4, further comprising:
a top pad coupled to an interior side of the planar base.

15 6. The protector of CLAIM 5, wherein the L-shaped member and the hinged planar member comprise a metal material.

7. The protector of CLAIM 5, wherein the first, second and top pads are arranged to create cushion in the
20 internal gunnel cavity dimensioned to accommodate and protect therein the hull's gunnel and the cushioned gap is dimensioned to accommodate and protect therein a

hull's sidewall.

8. The protector of CLAIM 7, wherein:

the hinged planar member is adapted to be rotated from an open position to a closed position;

5 in the open position the hull's gunnel is received in the internal gunnel cavity; and,

in the closed position the hull's gunnel is enclosed in the internal cavity and the hull's sidewall is sandwiched between the first pad and the second pad.

10 9. The protector of CLAIM 3, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise hard rubber.

10. The protector of CLAIM 1, wherein:

a width of said planar base is greater than a width of the hull's gunnel or gunwale.

15 11. A hull and gunnel protector comprising:

(a) an L-shaped member having a planar base and a planar side perpendicularly coupled, integrally, to one side of said planar base;

20 (b) a hinged planar member hingedly coupled perpendicularly to the other side of said planar base;

(c) a first pad affixed to an interior side of said planar side along a bottom portion thereof; and,

(d) a second pad affixed to an interior side of
said hinged planar member along a bottom portion thereof
wherein an internal gunnel cavity is created between an
upper portion of the planar side and the hinged planar
5 member and the planar base for receipt of a hull's
gunnel.

12. The protector of CLAIM 11, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness
approximately one-half of a width of said planar base;
10 and,

the second pad has a second thickness less than
the first thickness.

13. The protector of CLAIM 12, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness
15 proportional to a width of said planar base; and,

the second pad has a second thickness
proportional to the width of said planar base wherein the
first thickness and the second thickness together are
less than said width to create a cushioned gap between
20 said first pad and said second pad.

14. The protector of CLAIM 13, wherein the first
pad and the second pad comprise rubber.

15. The protector of CLAIM 14, further comprising:
a top pad coupled to an interior side of the
planar base.

16. The protector of CLAIM 15, wherein the L-shaped
5 member and the hinged planar member comprise a metal
material.

17. The protector of CLAIM 15, wherein:
the L-shaped member and the hinged planar
member form a substantially inverted U-shaped cover; and,
10 the first, second and top pads are arranged to
create cushion in the internal gunnel cavity dimensioned
to accommodate therein said hull's gunnel and the
cushioned gap is dimensioned to accommodate therein a
hull's sidewall.

18. The protector of CLAIM 17, wherein:
the hinged planar member is adapted to be
rotated from an open position to a closed position;
in the open position the hull's gunnel is
received in the internal gunnel cavity; and,
15 in the closed position the hull's gunnel is
enclosed in the internal cavity and the hull's sidewall
is sandwiched between the first pad and the second pad.
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19. The protector of CLAIM 13, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise hard rubber.

20. The protector of CLAIM 11, wherein:

a width of said planar base is greater than a

5 width of said gunnel.